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## Spotlight on: *Mount Entoto*

**Mount Entoto** is the highest peak overlooking the city of Addis Ababa. Mount Entoto is part of the Entoto mountain chain, 3,200 meters above sea level. It is also a historical place where Menelik II resided and built his palace, when he came from Ankober and founded Addis Ababa. It is considered a sacred mountain and holds many monasteries. It is also notable as the location of a number of famous churches, including Saint Raguel and Saint Mary.

The mountain is densely covered by eucalyptus trees which were imported from Australia during the reign of Emperor Menelik II and most of the planting took place during Emperor Haile Sellasie's reign; thus it is sometimes referred to as the "lung of Addis Ababa". The forest on the mountain is an important source of firewood to the city. It was also a source of building material in earlier times.

The Ethiopian Heritage Trust, a non-profit, non-governmental organization is working actively to change part of the mountain to its old state, a natural park.

*From Wikipedia*



## Classifieds

### Cars for Sale

**2003 Toyota 4Runner Limited:** 114,000 Miles (Only 10,000 driven in Addis since imported in 2011). Includes 4.0L V6 with 245 horsepower, 4WD, automatic transmission, blue exterior, leather interior, seat warmers, power sunroof, 10-speaker 360-watt JBL sound system with 6 CD changer, rear audio controls (with included wireless headphones), dual zone climate control, alloy wheels. Runs perfectly and regularly serviced. Asking \$14,500. For details, contact [Ad-dis4Runner@gmail.com](mailto:Ad-dis4Runner@gmail.com)

**2007 4 Runner** imported duty free in 2010 in excellent condition, runs great with no mechanical problems, automatic transmission, A/C, 4WD, power locks and windows, and third row seating. Price: \$22,500. Vehicle will be ready for delivery mid-August 2013. Please contact Michael at 09300004069 or 0923088462.

**Jeep Cherokee 2002**, has been in Ethiopia since 2008, engine 3.7 L, 4 x 4, 6 cylinders, mileage 134 000 kilometres (km), transmission is automatic, consumption is gasoline, radio/CD/Cassette, autolock, leather seats, Electric windows A/C. Good Condition, asking 14,500 USD or Best offer. Information tel: 091 066 6133, email: [noegarci100@yahoo.com](mailto:noegarci100@yahoo.com)

**2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS.** 106,000 miles—fewer than 5,000 Addis miles. Excellent condition. 3.5L V-6. All-wheel drive with traction control. Seats five very comfortably. Power locks and windows. Automatic transmission. Leather seats (heated in front), two-way sun roof, 6-CD changer. Cold A/C, if you ever need it. Rear seats fold down (60-40) to haul your stuff. Serviced by Embassy mechanics. Recently replaced wiper blades, rear struts, oil, air and fuel filters. Two extra brand new

tires, full-size spare, six new spark plugs, five quarts of oil and one last oil filter. \$10,000 duty free. Contact [manyafan@hotmail.com](mailto:manyafan@hotmail.com)

**2010 Toyota Highlander 4WD SUV**

4D Sport Utility body style, great condition, 16K miles (as of 02/13), 3.5L V6 24 valve with VVT-i 270HP engine, automatic transmission, 4WD, silver exterior, cloth ash interior, cold weather package with wind-shield de-icer grid and heated outside mirrors, 6 CD/MP3 changer w/ AUX IN, side/curtain airbags, stability control, third rear seat, fold away third row, roof rack, independent rear seat A/C control, traction control, alloy rims, V6 towing prep package. Duty free for dip passport holders. No accidents. Imported in 2011. Sold by first owner. Asking \$28,850. Available 08/13. Contact: [mcbridekw@state.gov](mailto:mcbridekw@state.gov)

**2010 Nissan Murano**, driven for two years, miles driven: 19,000 kilometer, Engine-V6, CC-3.0, sunroof, 4 door black leather interior, cruise control, AC, Automatic transmission, central lock system, 6 CD changer, hand free phone system, Price: \$30,000 or best offer ( finishing tour so must sell!!). If interested in buying please contact Solomon at 911507871.

**1999 Honda Accord LX:** 76,000 miles. Asking \$5,800. Easy to drive and park in the city. No cuter car for the price. Available now. Contact Anita Booth at [Bootha@state.gov](mailto:Bootha@state.gov) or extension 7960

**2003 Toyota 4Runner Limited:** 116,000 Miles (Only 12,000 driven in Addis since imported from U.S. in 2011). Includes 4.0L V6 with 245 horsepower, 4WD, automatic transmission, blue exterior, leather interior, seat warmers, power sunroof, 10-speaker 360-watt JBL sound system with 6 CD changer, rear audio controls (with included wireless headphones), dual zone climate control, alloy wheels. Runs perfectly and regularly ser-

vised. Asking \$14,500. For details, contact [Ad-dis4Runner@gmail.com](mailto:Ad-dis4Runner@gmail.com)

### Staff Recommendations

I wish to highly recommend Gezaw Mekonnen (tel 0911648773 ) as a **day guard and gardener**. Gezaw has worked at my house for four years and has been extremely reliable, hardworking, and honest. His gardening ability is considered one of the best and he always managed to keep a productive vegetable and herb garden going at the two houses I occupied. He knows how to prune and select plants resulting in a colorful and attractive flower garden year round and the grass has always been neatly trimmed. He has also been extremely kind and gentle with my two cats who follow Gezaw around the yard all day. He is currently studying automotive repair at a technical college. Gezaw is extremely pleasant and enjoyable to engage with and has served US Embassy households for at least six years now. I highly recommend him to serve in a similar capacity for any expat and believe he has considerable potential to do even more. Recommended by Tom Kenyan.

Kebebus has worked for our family since November 2011. Prior to that, she worked for US/Western families for approximately nine years. She has taken and passed the US Embassy **Nanny** certification, and is an **excellent cook**. She can make any recipe you give her, as well as traditional Ethiopian fare. She is experienced in gluten-free and low-salt cooking, and is very handy at making emergency substitutions. Her English is good (we had her translate for the rest of the household staff—see Selame's ad in this edition), and she's very good with our 9-year-old son. She is punctual and dependable, and we have no reservations recommending her for employment. Please call her direct at 0911721362. Recommended by Jeffrey Wright.

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### Staff Recommendations (continued)

Selame has been our housekeeper for over a year. She is very dependable, thorough and conscientious. She has been very flexible when we've had to adjust her schedule. Her English skills are limited, but once she understands our quirks (usually through a translator—see Kebe-bush's ad in this edition), she follows through with great results. We have worked with several members of Selame's family, and have been impressed with the family's work ethic and dedication. We have no hesitation recommending her for employment. Please contact her brother Melaku (a current US Embassy Addis motor pool employee) at 0911688846. Recommended by Jeffrey Wright.

**Excellent Housekeeper and Cook** - Hanna worked for us for 2 years and we were very happy with her work! She has 12 years of experience as a housekeeper-cook. She speaks good English and reads it well. Hanna is an excellent cook who can cook from American, Italian, Turkish/Mediterranean, Ethiopian and vegetarian recipes. She is experienced in preparing and serving large dinner parties. Hanna shops for food and household goods, does the laundry and ironing. She is meticulous in her housekeeping. Hanna is honest, reliable, very trustworthy, good with pets, and gets her work done efficiently and unobtrusively. We recommend her very highly! She prefers working in the Bole neighborhood. We are happy to provide further information via email [walter-dowis@gmail.com](mailto:walter-dowis@gmail.com), [catemckinney@hotmail.com](mailto:catemckinney@hotmail.com). If interested, please contact Hanna +251-912-19-0278

**Guard Gardener:** Yohannes is the hardest working gardener we've ever had! He simply knows

what to do without being asked; Washing the car, cutting the grass, walking the dog, dusting the outdoor tables, watering plants, and he cleans the bikes once a week too. He patiently waits for our arrival at the house and opens the heavy gate right away, it's better than having an automatic garage door opener! He's never missed a day of work and gets along easily with others. His English language ability is simple but effective. What he doesn't have in English skills he more than makes up for in everything else he offers. Yohannes is very kind, patient, and is caring with our children too. You won't regret hiring Yohannes! Call Cherice at 011-372-7859 to come by our house and meet Yohannes.

**Housekeeper/nanny** - available Mid – July: It is my pleasure to write this recommendation for our Housekeeper/Nanny Yideneku Tamrat. Yideneku's duties have been: cooking the evening meal, household cleaning, washing and ironing and regular care of our 2 children. Yideneku is a good cook and she is able to follow most recipes in English. She is certified in the food cleaning and preparation and also CPR and Nanny training provided by the Embassy. Yideneku has a very pleasant and calm demeanor and is very willing and eager to please. She has a positive manner and a very strong work ethic, willing to go the extra mile to get things done and is always keen to learn anything new. Yideneku is wonderful with our 2 boys and will be sorely missed by our family when we depart Addis Belaynesh is a great person to have working in your home. She was great with my daughter. She was a great cook, my daughter loves injera now! She would do shopping, errands, pick her up from school, and meet me anywhere I asked her. She took care of the laundry also, washing everything... She cooked, cleaned... and was

extremely reliable. She never missed a day. She met me at the clinic when my daughter was sick! I wish I could take her home with me!! IN SUMMARY, if you can hire Belaynesh, you should. She lives near the Swedish Clinic and Old Airport so would like to remain in that area. Contact her at 0911165562. Recommended by Brenda Sue Thornton.

**Driver.** Nejat is dependable, reliable, nice, trustworthy and flexible. He is a great, very cautious driver and I always felt safe with him and I felt that my daughter was in great hands when with him. He would communicate well, always answering my texts and phone calls. I will miss Nejat when back in the United States. I highly recommend him for work. 0911648276 Recommended by Brenda Sue Thornton.

**Guard/Gardner:** Gebeyhu is very dedicated to our family and gets along extremely well with all members of our staff, with all of our neighbors, and with our children. Over many years, he has really gotten to know the neighborhood and the neighbors, and this has greatly facilitated our connecting with our neighbors. We count on him to work together with him to get things done. Gebeyhu does several tasks on a regular basis, including washing the car, sweeping the driveway and patio, cleaning outside furniture, washing windows, caring for plants, doing laundry (including folding and ironing), and monitoring the water tank, generator, and other things in the compound. In addition, he has built a play-house and done some painting for us.

Gebeyhu has become part of our family and made our time here in Addis extremely easy and wonderful. We will miss him tremendously when we leave Ethiopia and feel any family will be very fortunate to work with him. Please feel free to contact us by cell phone (0912-42-1919 until July 22) or email ([lahdieh@gmail.com](mailto:lahdieh@gmail.com)) afterward. Gebeyhu can be reached directly at 0922-404-553.



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It is with our highest endorsement that we recommend Yideneku to a future employer - who will be lucky to have her. Please contact Carolyn 0923 790 176 or [carolyn.zeitler@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.zeitler@gmail.com)

**Housekeeper:** Aisede Ashagre worked as our housekeeper from January 2011 until June 2013. She cleans, does laundry with ironing, basic cooking and kitchen skills, babysitting, and dog sitting. Aisede is a great employee. We appreciated her work ethic, her honesty and trustworthiness, and her dependability. Aisede got along well with our other employees and was a pleasure to have in our home. She is available end of May. Please give her a call at 0912860046 OR 0111244974. Recommended by Dan Siebert.

**Housekeeper/nanny/chef:** Amazing Housekeeper, Nanny and Chef available after July 5, 2013. Askale has worked for us for the past 4 years and we were very happy with her work. She has single-handedly managed our household with 2 (and now 3) children! Askale does all of the cleaning, laundry, cooking, lunch making as well as cooking amazing menus for dinner parties. She has 15 years of experience as a housekeeper, cook and nanny. She speaks English very well. She is a meticulous cleaner and organizer. We recommend her very highly. She prefers working in the Old Airport neighborhood for an incoming family, but is flexible. We are happy to provide further information via email

[awainer@usaid.gov](mailto:awainer@usaid.gov). If interested, please contact Askale directly at 0910129421. Recommended by Allyson Wainer.

**Day guard/gardener:** Yirga has been our day guard and gardener for the past 4 years. He is very hardworking, trustworthy and will assist with all household needs, including helping children

with the school bus. He is a fantastic gardener and has kept our garden looking amazing, full of flowers and lush all year. Yirga will be available from July 5, 2013. Please call 0911244522 (Muluaem) or email [awainer@usaid.gov](mailto:awainer@usaid.gov) for additional information and to schedule an interview. Recommended by Allyson Wainer.

**Nanny, housekeeper, cooker, helper and organizer** is looking for a job. Belaynesh has worked for many US Embassy families and has worked for me since January. I have a seven year old daughter at ICS and she is 100% reliable on picking her up, etc. She is also very flexible and works late sometimes and spends the night when I travel. She cooks, cleans, does laundry, does shopping, etc. Her number is 0911165562. My number is 0911506839 if you would like more information. She prefers working in the Old Airport area as she lives near the Swedish Clinic, but is open to working anywhere. Recommended by Brenda Sue Thornton.

Nanny/housekeeper available. Tseday has been working for us for the past two years. She is a wonderful nanny who keeps our two kids (now 5 and 7) entertained. She makes sure they eat their lunch, play outside and don't watch tv too much! She also keeps our house clean and does the occasional shopping. And she's great with our 80 lbs dog! Please contact Tseday directly at 0911-435-422. Recommended by Renate Cunningham.

**NANNY:** I highly recommend Mulu Bezabhi. She has been excellent at caring for our infant and two toddlers. She has worked for three other American families with small children and came highly recommended. She made lunch for the kids and occasionally prepped dinner for me. She makes great pizza too! Please contact Mary at [McConnellDM@gmail.com](mailto:McConnellDM@gmail.com) or contact Mulu direct at 0911760033.

**GARDENER/DAY GUARD:** I highly recommend our gardener/day guard Temesgen. He has been incredible at maintaining and beautifying our football field sized yard! He also tends our massive vegetable garden. He cleans up after our two dogs and our children. He is a self-starter and any family would be lucky to have him. He doesn't speak English but can be reached through our neighbor's guard, Ayalu at 0911106385. For additional information please contact Mary at [McConnellDM@gmail.com](mailto:McConnellDM@gmail.com).

**HOUSEKEEPER:** I highly recommend Amelework Bezabhi. She has worked in our house for a very short time, but has proved to be an excellent cleaner who is a self-starter. She cleaned the house, vegetables, laundered and ironed clothes, and assisted with caring for our two toddlers when they returned from daycare. Amelework speaks basic English but can be contacted through her sister, Mulu, at 0911760033. For additional information, please contact Mary at [McConnellDM@gmail.com](mailto:McConnellDM@gmail.com).

**Day Guard/Gardner/Dog Handler:** Abebe has been with us for two years and has done an excellent job of maintaining our substantial yard and garden. We have given him seeds occasionally and he has grown peppers, corn and other vegetables for us. Under the tutelage of a professional dog trainer, Abebe has honed his dog handling skills and has shown a real knack for training man's best friend. Although his English is not so strong, Abebe continues to pursue a high school education on his own time and is constantly seeking to improve. Abebe can be reached at 0913-748-155. We highly recommend him. For more information, contact Scott Riedmann at [RiedmannSR@state.gov](mailto:RiedmannSR@state.gov).

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### **Highly recommended Housekeeper/Cook/**

**Nanny: Mulu Hailemariam** has been working for Michael and Rosetta since October 2012 and has done exceptional work in cooking, cleaning and providing childcare for our family. Mulu has carried out her work with care, professionalism and skill and always available when needed. She is honest, kind, and a good communicator and listener. We highly recommend her!!!! She is available to start part-time in July/full time in mid August. Please contact her directly at 091-399-2845 or contact Michael at [HollandMM1@state.gov](mailto:HollandMM1@state.gov) and Rosetta at [HollandRZ@state.gov](mailto:HollandRZ@state.gov) for more information.

### **Highly recommended Nanny/Cook/**

**Housekeeper: Eritiban Kume** is certified in childcare and has done exceptional work in caring for three children since December 2011. She is a good cook and excellent housekeeper. She is honest, speaks English well, good listener, pleasant, professional, and is always available when needed. She has experience with caring for foreign families with infants, toddlers, and children. We highly recommend her!!!! She is available to start part-time in July/full time in mid August. Please contact her directly at 091-390-2522 or contact Michael at [HollandMM1@state.gov](mailto:HollandMM1@state.gov) or Rosetta at [HollandRZ@state.gov](mailto:HollandRZ@state.gov) for more information.

**Excellent Driver and Dayguard:** Kedane has worked as a combination driver and dayguard for our family for 2 years. He is a very safe and conscientious driver and we fully trusted him to drive our young son. He is very hard working and worked as a guard and gardener when he was not driving. Kedane knows Addis very well and

was able to complete any errand we asked. With Kedane, we did not need to hire a second person to be a guard. Please call Kedane at 0911635160. You can email me at [aste-fan@usaid.gov](mailto:aste-fan@usaid.gov) if you need more information.

### **Miscellaneous for sale**

**Furniture For Sale:** (1) Entertainment Center, with space for a TV, Includes shelving and cabinets, dark wood; (2) King Size Frame and Mattress (IKEA); (3) Queen Mattress and Boxspring; (4) Traditional Ethiopian 8-Seat Dining Table; (5) Scandinavian Expandable (6-Seat) Dining Table; (6) Glass/ Metal Frame Desk and Side Desk (IKEA). Contact Linda or Gavin at [gbgrant.stuff@gmail.com](mailto:gbgrant.stuff@gmail.com) for pictures.

**Electronics for Sale:** (1) iMAC 600GB HD, Mem: 8GB, 2.66GHz, 21.5", (2009) (2) ipad2 with wifi 16GB; (3) kindle with keyboard (4) Canon Pixma 3500 (printer); (5) Canon MX700(printer/ scanner). Contact Linda or Gavin at [gbgrant.stuff@gmail.com](mailto:gbgrant.stuff@gmail.com) for pictures.

**Canondale CAADX \$1200 and Cycleops Bike Trainer \$150.** Contact Linda or Gavin at [gbgrant.stuff@gmail.com](mailto:gbgrant.stuff@gmail.com) for pictures.

**Treadmill for sale:** NordicTrack C1750, purchased new in summer 2012. Up to 12 MPH and a range of 15% incline to -3% decline. 7" video screen, wifi-enabled, built-in Android OS with Google Maps compatibility. Folds vertically for easy storage. Retails for USD 3,000 new, selling for USD 1,700 OBO. Contact: [greggsj@state.gov](mailto:greggsj@state.gov)

**Diapers For Sale:** Size Small (8-14 lbs/ 3-7 kg) Set includes 6 cloth Pants, 9 snap in waterproof liners, 6 reusable cloth inserts, and 200+ biodegradable disposable liners. Lightly used and will last a long

time! 1000 Birr. Contact [dnb3177@yahoo.com](mailto:dnb3177@yahoo.com) if interested.

Nikon D600 full-frame digital camera in very good condition. Includes 24-85mm f/3.5-4.5G ED VR Lens (retails for \$600 separately), 32GB memory card, and monopod. Asking \$2200. For details, contact [sladed@gmail.com](mailto:sladed@gmail.com)

Acer Black 32" HDMI LCD TV 1920 x 1080. For details, contact [sladed@gmail.com](mailto:sladed@gmail.com)

### **Wanted**

**Wanted: Treadmill.** Please contact William Guallpa-Lliguichuzhca at [GuallpaWF@state.gov](mailto:GuallpaWF@state.gov)

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Taxes for FS Families**

##### **Brenner & Elsea-Mandojana, LLC**

[www.globaltaxconsult.com](http://www.globaltaxconsult.com), is a professional services firm that specializes in the tax, financial planning and business advisory needs of U.S. expatriates. Managing member, Jim Brenner, CPA/ABV, has been a certified public accountant for over 30 years; managing member Christine Elsea-Mandojana, CPA, CFP® has been a certified public accountant for 18 years and is a Foreign Service spouse; and Senior Associate, Cheryl Monticello, CPA has been a certified public accountant for 13 years and is also a Foreign Service spouse. The firm provides U.S. individual tax planning, tax preparation, and business consulting services tailored to the needs of the U.S. expatri-

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Tel: (281) 360-2800 and Fax: (281) 359-6080.

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**More kittens:** My compound cat presented me 5 kittens. On 5/18 they will be 8 weeks and ready for adoption. They are Vet checked, 1<sup>st</sup> shots, de-wormed, and litter trained. 3 boys, 2 girls. Old Airport area. Email [adamsbf@state.gov](mailto:adamsbf@state.gov) or phone 0930-00-41-05.

**Rescued 8-week old female puppy** looking for a loving family. Puppy has all necessary shots. She is intelligent, playful, and very cute! As we have a newborn and 1 yr old dog of our own, we are unable to keep the puppy long-term. Please contact Lou if you are interested or would like to see pictures. [GualpaLA@state.gov](mailto:GualpaLA@state.gov)

### **KONJO NEEDS A NEW HOME!**

Konjo (which means beautiful in Amharic) is a very large mixed-breed dog, mostly Anatolian Shepherd. He comes from the streets of Bole (near the airport) and is about two-and-a-half years old. He is very friendly and loves people, including children. Konjo never jumps up unless he is playing catch — to which he is addicted. Konjo is spayed has had all of the necessary vaccinations. He

gets along with other dogs but not cats.

If you have a big heart and a large yard, and could give Konjo periodic walks in the neighborhood or countryside, then he may be the dog for you.

We will only be back after Ethiopian New Year (September 11), but we'll take inquiries by email at [Steinitz@me.com](mailto:Steinitz@me.com).

